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1. On 11 through 14, 16, and 21 July 1955, there was fairly intensive air activity by Il-10s at Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield. Individual flights and formations flights with changes of formations were practiced. On 21 July, three Po-2s made local flights at night. When the aircraft landed, ground searchlights were switched off. A total of 63 Il-10s was counted at the parking ~~area~~ on 22 July. ¹ 25X1
2. At about 0700 on 29 July, parachute jumps over the area of Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield were observed. A total of 13 parachutists ~~landed~~ out in groups of two, four or five men from two Li-2s at an altitude of about 400 meters. Two cylindrical shaped red balloons with white caps were seen near each jumping group of parachutists. ² 25X1
3. Sedan trucks were seen moving to and from Infanterie - Kaserne. 25X1
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4. Between 19 and 27 July and on 12 August, there was only a small amount of air activity by Il-10s during daytime, and by Po-2s during night time. Individual and formation flights were practiced. No parachute jumps were observed but it was learned that parachuting had been practiced during that time. ¹
5. The two large ammunition sheds and small ammunition containers of the former Pionier Kaserne which were located near the airfield on the Havel River, were guarded ~~during~~ daytime and nighttime by two to four sentries, who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The brick sheds had a length of about 30 meters a width of about 8 to 10 meters, and a height of about 3 meters. The wooden ammunition containers had brick foundations. These containers measured 2 x 2.5 meters. The entire area was fenced in.

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7. There was no air activity at Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield on 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 July, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 12 August. On all other days between 23 July and 21 August, air activity was observed including individual flights of up to 11 Il-10s and flights by formations of two, three, and four aircraft. On 11 August, an estimated number of 29 Il-10s with red propeller hubs and red upper edges of rudder units and 6 Il-10s without technical signs were stationed at the field. On 20 August, 32 Il-10s with tactical signs and 5 Il-10s without tactical signs were counted. 25X1
8. At about 1800 on 26 July, there was intensive air activity by Il-10s at Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield. Within about 14 minutes, 16 Il-10s took off in rapid succession. the aircraft assembled to the [redacted] and made [redacted] local flights. [redacted] and flew [redacted] to the right. All aircraft involved had a red stripe [redacted] fifth of rudder units. 25X1
1. Except for the 16 Il-10s involved in air activity, no additional aircraft could be seen at the airfield because of poor possibilities of observation. 25X1
9. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield between 2 and 24 August:
- 2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 20, and 23 August. There was air activity by Il-10s including individual and formation flights.
- 2 August. An estimated number of 32 Il-10s were stationed at the airfield.
- 6 August. 28 Il-10s [redacted] were counted at the parking area. 25X1
- 9 August. Formations of four Il-10s were aloft, one of the formations headed toward the southeast.
- 22 August. An estimated number of 32 Il-10s were stationed at the airfield.
- 23 August. At about 1030, three non-local Il-10 squadrons landed at the field. These Il-10s came from a southeasterly direction. At 1130, these Il-10s were parked along Einstein - Strasse, with their noses pointing to the airfield. Only the yellow upper edges of tail units could be seen. In addition to these aircraft, 28 Il-10s were observed at the parking area. At noon, 12 of the non-local Il-10s took off, assembled to squadrons and then headed toward the southeast. Between 1230 and 1300, the next two squadrons also took off and left the field also flying toward the southeast. At 1400, individual and formation flying started. Formations of four aircraft headed toward the northwest and returned to the field after 30 to 35 minutes each. 25X1

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[redacted] No bombs or containers were seen on the aircraft. The planes had an antenna which lead from [redacted] unit. Between [redacted] red, which was [redacted] vertically on some aircraft, and at an angle of 45 degrees lateral to the front on the other aircraft. A machine gun barrel was observed on most of the planes. The barrel [redacted] at the seat of the second pilot and projected lateral up [redacted] the rear. During air activity, several tank trucks [redacted] were observed moving between Neuendorf and the airfield. On some nights during the period of observation, there was air activity by Po-2s. ¹

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10. The occupation of Infanterie Kaserne was apparently [redacted] At 2145 on 24 August, it was observed that 3/4 of Building No 3 [redacted] and the first floor of Building No 5 was dark.

11. Between 9 and 23 August, truck [redacted] sedan [redacted] carrying an air force colonel, sedan [redacted] carrying an air force major, and truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed.

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1. Comment. Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment with 30 to 40 Il-10s. The regiment had red tactical signs. On 22 July, 16 June and 8 July, aircraft of other ground attack regiments were observed at Brandenburg - Industriehafen airfield. [redacted]. The Il-10s with yellow markings, which were observed on 23 August, belong to the ground-attack regiment at Doeberitz.

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2. Comment. The purpose of these balloons is unknown.

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